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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination on the merits, please amend the above-captioned U.S. National Phase Application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Prior to the first line of the specification on page 1, please insert the following paragraph:

--This application is the U.S. National Phase under 35 U.S.C. §371 of International Application PCT/JP01/04091, filed May 16, 2001, which claims priority to Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-310055, filed October 11, 2000. --

IN THE DRAWINGS:

As stated in the attached Request for Approval of Drawing Changes, Applicant has requested to amend Figure 12 to designate that the illustrated is old, as shown in the attached copy of the figure wherein the correction is indicated with red ink.

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REMARKS

The drawing has been amended to comply with the U.S. practice. As such, no new matter has been added. Additionally, the cross-reference information has been included in the specification. Entry of the amendments is respectfully requested.

Should there be any questions concerning this application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number appearing below.

Respectfully submitted,

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